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1. Project Number (Assigned by federal unit): __CB02-MRA5

2. Project Name: Sandy Creek Instream Project	3. County: Coos
4. Project Sponsor: Coos Bay BLM – Pam Olson	5. Date: 2/18/02
6. Sponsor=s Phone Number: 541 751-4276	
7. Sponsors E-mail: pam_olson@blm.gov	

8. Project Location (attach project area map)

Coquille SubBasin (1710030505)
East Fork Coquille River
Township <u>29</u> Range <u>10</u> Section(s) <u>11</u>
Coos Bay BLM District, Myrtlewood Resource Area

9. Statement of Project Goals and Objectives:

This is a watershed restoration project whose primary goals are to reduce existing risks to aquatic species/habitats and to restore habitat quality and connectivity for aquatic and riparian dependent species. The project is designed to implement objectives of the Aquatic Conservation Strategy, as described in the Northwest Forest Plan including maintaining and restoring: watershed complexity, aquatic ecosystem connectivity, water quality, natural instream flows, sediment regimes, and native species. Project specific objectives are to increase spawning habitat, over-wintering habitat for juveniles, and add to the complexity of the existing habitat.

10. Project Description: (Provide concise description of project and attach map.)

This is an instream wood placement project consisting of the placement of approximately 50 pieces of wood in concert with eight existing wood complexes. This project will occur at river mile 6 on Sandy Creek and will be approximately 0.5 mile in length. Wood will be placed in such a manner as to compliment a "tree-lining" wood placement project that occurred in this reach of stream in 1996. The additional of this wood is expected to help "seal up" the previously created wood complexes. This is expected to help facilitate increased gravel storage and provide greater habitat complexity. Wood would be placed using a mobile yarder. Care will be taken to minimize damage to the surrounding vegetation. Ground disturbance is expected to be minimal.

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11. Coordination of this project with other related project(s) on adjacent lands?

XYes \Box No If yes, then describe:

This project adds smaller pieces of wood to a previously completed "tree-lining" instream wood placement project completed in 1996. The addition of smaller wood is expected to help increase the effectiveness of the past wood placement project.

12. How does proposed project meet purposes of the Legislation? [Sec. 203(b)(1)]

- ✗ Implements stewardship objectives that enhance forest ecosystems. [Sec. 2(b)]
- X Restores and improves land health. [Sec. 2(b)]
- **X** Restores water quality. [Sec. 2(b)]
- **13. Project Type** (check one) [Sec. 203(b)(1)]
- **✗** Watershed Restoration & Mntc. [Sec. 2(b)(2)(D)]
- X Fish Habitat Restoration [Sec. 2(b)(2)(E)]

14. Measure of Project Accomplishments/Expected Outcomes [Sec. 203(b)(5)]

a. Total Acres: N/A

b. Total Miles: 0.5

c. No. Structures: 8

d. Est. People Reached N/A

e. No. Laborer Days: 28

f. Other (specify): N/A

15. Duration of Project and Estimated Completion Date: [Sec. 203(b)(2)]

Duration: 7 days **Completion Date:** September, 2002

16. Target Species Benefited: (if applicable)

This project is expected to benefit a variety of fish and wildlife species including, but not limited to chinook salmon, coho salmon, steelhead trout, and cutthroat trout.

17. How will cooperative relationships among people that use federal lands be improved? [Sec. 2(b)(3)] This project is expected to foster cooperative relationships among individuals and groups with diverse interests because it focuses on an area of agreement rather than controversy. Regardless of differing views on other aspects of public land management, clean water and healthy streams, and supporting stable populations of native fish and wildlife species are long-term ecological goals that most Coos Bay District user's support.

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18. How is this project in the best public interest? [Sec. 203(b)(7)] Identify benefits to communities. This project is considered to be in the best public interest because it contributes positively toward maintaining and enhancing water quality and fish and wildlife habitat for both current and future generations of Federal Land users. Additionally, implementation of the project may benefit the community by providing local employment opportunities.

19. How does project benefit federal lands/resources?

The project is expected to improve spawning habitat, over-wintering habitat for juveniles, and will enhance habitat complexity. Currently spawning gravel is limited in this portion of Sandy Creek, and redds (gravel salmon nests) often become superimposed (dug up by other spawning fish). The addition gravels collected by these improved wood complexes is expected to improve the quality of the spawning habitat and thus reducing the amount of redd superimposition. This, along with increased habitat complexity, will hopefully increase juvenile survival and ultimately the number of returning adults. It will also help increase population viability for other vertebrate and invertebrate species that exist on public land by increasing habitat complexity.

20. Status of Project Planning □Yes X No a. NEPA Complete: If no, give est. date of completion: March 2002 c. NMFS Sec. 7 ESA Consultation Complete: X Yes \square No d. USFWS Sec. 7 ESA Consultation Complete: X Yes $\square No$ e. Survey & Manage Complete: X Yes $\square No$ □Not Applicable f. DSL/ODFW* Permits for In-stream Work Obtained: \Box Yes X No □Not Applicable g. DSL/COE* 404 Fill/Removal Permit Obtained: X Not Applicable □Yes \square No h. SHPO* Concurrence Received: X Not Applicable □Yes \square No i. Project Design(s) Completed: □Yes X No * DSL = Dept. of State Lands, ODFW = Oregon Dept. of Fish and Wildlife, COE = Army Corps of Engineers, SHPO = State Historic Preservation Officer

21. Proposed Method(s) of Accomplishment

X Contract

22. Will the Project Generate Merchantable Materials? [Sec. 204(e)(3)]

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23. Anticipated Project Costs [Sec. 203(b)(3)]

- a. Total County Title II Funds Requested: \$19,500
- b. Is this a multi-year funding request? □Yes X No

Table 1. Project Cost Analysis

Item	Column A Fed. Agency Appropriated Contribution [Sec. 203(b)(4)]	Column B Requested County Title II Contribution [Sec. 203(b)(4)]	Column C Other Contributions [Sec. 203(b)(4)]	Column D Total Available Funds
24. Project Development		\$3,000		\$3,000
25. Contracting		\$15,000		\$15,000
26. Monitoring		\$1,500		\$1,500
27. Total Cost Estimate				\$19,500

28. Identify Source(s) of Other Funding for Project Identified Above [Sec. 203(b)(4)]

Agency appropriated funds may be available at some time in the future, but currently there are more restoration opportunities than there is funding available.

29. Monitoring Plan [Sec. 203(b)(6)]

a. What measures or evaluations will be made to determine how well the proposed project meets the desired ecological conditions? [Sec. 203(b)(6)] Who will be responsible for this monitoring item?

BLM Fisheries Biologist - Spawning surveys on Sandy Creek are conducted every year by the Coos Bay BLM, Myrtlewood RA; in addition, stream restoration projects are commonly monitored by conducting cross-sections and photo points. Changes in the stream morphology, i.e. its profile, could be observed. This project would have at least this level of monitoring.

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b. How will the project be evaluated to determine how well the proposed project contributes towards local employment and/or training opportunities, including summer youth jobs programs such as the Youth Conservation Corps? [Sec. 203(b)(6)] Who will be responsible for this monitoring item?

The District Manager – This project will be considered successful at emphasizing local employment and training opportunities if local contractors are hired to complete the road improvement work and if local contractors, high school students, YCC groups, or other local interest groups are trained and utilized to complete monitoring activities

- c. What methods and measures of evaluation will be established to determine how well the proposed project improves the use of, or added value to, any products removed from federal lands consistent with the purposes of this Act? [Sec. 203(b)(6) and Sec. 204(e)(3)] Who will be responsible for this monitoring item? N/A
- d. Identify total funding needed to carry out specified monitoring tasks.

Amount: \$1,500

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County Commissioner Concurrence

(Majority Required per charter)

A majority of the county commissioners of	Advisory Council and agree with the		
Attested by Commissioner	 Date		
Comments/Rational:			